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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : BNF Congress in New York

1. From 3 - 5 March the annual Congress of The BNF will take place in the Hotel New Yorker, New York. The BNF has reserved two auditoriums on the 4th floor. Dr. Ivan DOCHEV will preside.

2. It appears that this may be one of the roughest sessions in a long while. The DOCHEV faction will try to discredit the ERA (Khristo STATEV) and dissident elements of the BNF in the U. S. who do not agree with DOCHEV. DOCHEV's purpose in coming to the U. S. is to throw it in the faces of dissident elements that the Congress is taking place on their home grounds since these elements are here and none in Canada, where the Congress is usually held.

STATEV is coming to us from Rome.

3. DOCHEV is claiming that the U. S. Government is supporting the dissident elements and that they (the Government) is biased and supporting leftist elements. This is another reason for him coming to the U. S. in order to "flaunt" and "embarrass" the U. S. Government.

4. There are no indications that any action will be taken concerning the U. N. Session or other demonstrations against the Bulgarian permanent U. N. Delegation. The usual letters of protest may be sent to both the U. N. and U. S. Government.

5. Leftist and Communist elements amongst the Bulgarian emigres are allegedly more active in the New York area. No names or concrete cases available.

6. There are no other items worthy of note in emigre circles or activities. The above information is the composite result of talks with several emigres known to the undersigned. It is felt that it would be worth while assuring that a source friendly to us will attend the BNF Congress.

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